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AMBASSADOR GRANFIL

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1. SUMMARY. YUGOSLAV NON-ALIGNED POLICIES AND RECENT
RELATED ACTIONS WERE THE CHIEF SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION AT
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GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY PORTER AND

AMBASSADOR GRANFIL SEPTEMBER 20. WHILE ASSURING GRANFIL USG APPRECIATES FACT YUGOSLAVIA IS ONE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY THAT FULLY QUALIFIES FOR THIS DESIGNATION, AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND PUZZLEMENT AT SOME OF THE RECENTLY-EXPRESSED YUGOSLAV CRITICISMS, DIRECT OR IMPLIED, OF US ACTIONS. ONLY BASIS WE COULD PERCEIVE WAS YUGOSLAV PERCEPTION OF ITS REQUIREMENTS IN MAINTAINING LEADING ROLE AMONG NON-ALIGNED. IN REPLY GRANFIL STRESSED YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITY TO ANY FORM OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT MIGHT ONE DAY HAVE ITS COUNTERPART IN YUGOSLAVIA'S OWN EXPERIENCE. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE MIDDLE EAST PROSPECTS AND HIGH-LEVEL VISITS, INCLUDING QUESTION OF TIMING FOR VISIT BY DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. END SUMMARY.

2. NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT ALGIERS. GRANFIL SAID THAT BEHIND SPEECHES FROM ROSTRUM AND USUAL SOCIALIZING, ALGIERS

CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATED REVITALIZATION OF NON-ALIGNED IDEA UNDER NEW CIRCUMSTANCES OF DETENTE BETWEEN GREAT POWERS. DEGREE OF CONSENSUS WAS REMARKABLE GIVEN DIFFERENCES THAT ARE INEVITABLE AMONG OVER 80 COUNTRIES WITH WIDELY DISPARATE SOCIAL SYSTEMS. UNIFYING FACTORS ARE SENSITIVITY TO NON-INTERFERENCE AND SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORRIDOR EXCHANGES WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN PUBLIC SPEECHES.

3. US INTEREST IN NON-ALIGNED. GRANFIL ASKED IF USG IS MOVING TOWARDS "MORE ACTIVE, MORE FOCUSED" APPROACH TO NON-ALIGNED WORLD. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID US APPROACH HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT NOT ALL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE EQUALLY NON-ALIGNED. ISSUE OF APPEARANCES VERSUS REALITY IS ILLUSTRATED IN THE CASE OF SIHANOUK, WHO HAS BEEN QUIETLY PREVENTED FROM EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH US BY THE KHMER ROUGE.

4. MIDDLE EAST. GRANFIL DEVELOPED FAMILIAR THEME OF YUGOSLAV CONCERN WITH MIDDLE EAST SITUATION "SO NEAR TO YUGOSLAV BORDER." AMBASSADOR PORTER REFERRED TO LONG-STANDING US EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST AND IN SOUTH CONFIDENTIAL

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ASIA TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND STABLE SETTLEMENTS. WE ARE TRYING TO INFLUENCE FRIENDS WHO ARE NOT IN ALIGNED RELATIONSHIP WITH US. IN ANY EVENT, WE WILL BE MAKING NEW EFFORTS, AMBASSADOR PORTER ASSURED GRANFIL.

5. US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID US RESPECTED YUGOSLAV NON-ALIGNMENT EVEN THOUGH YUGOSLAV SPOKESMEN SOMETIMES SEEM TO FEEL IT

NECESSARY TO CRITICIZE US, WE THINK UNJUSTLY. PRESUMABLY THIS IS NOT WITHOUT RELATION TO YUGOSLAVIA'S EFFORTS TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. GRANFIL OFFERED JUSTIFICATION CITED IN SUMMARY ABOVE AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED PRESIDENT TITO'S SPEECH AT ALGIERS DEMONSTRATED YUGOSLAV OBJECTIVITY, BALANCE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE INTENTIONS. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID US HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING CRITICISMS INTERFERE WITH EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS DESIRED ON BOTH SIDES. VISIT BY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND PARTY WOULD BE VISIT BY OUR FIRST TEAM IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT RECENT ARRIVAL OF YUGOSLAV AIR FORCE TEAM, NOW TOURING US BASES UNDER DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AUSPICES.

6. GRANFIL THEN REFERRED TO DESIRE OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH SHULTZ SCHEDULE. HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HOPING VISIT COULD BE SCHEDULED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

7. BEGIN FYI. WHEN GRANFIL CALLED ON SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO INVITE HIM TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA, GRANFIL SUGGESTED THREE POSSIBLE TIMES: (A) LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER; (B) FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER; (C) AFTER FIRST OF YEAR. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE INDICATED HE WOULD CHECK HIS CALENDAR AND INFORM YUGOSLAVS OF CONVENIENT DATES. CABLE REQUESTING THAT EMBASSY BELGRADE ADVISE GOY OF DATES PREFERRED BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS BEING PREPARED. END FYI. RUSH

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